



New EPA Building In S.E. Moves Ahead

On Nov. 3 President George Bush signed into law Public Law 101-136, an appropriation bill containing an authorization for the General Services Administration (GSA) to have built a 1,400,000 square foot building for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The new law states, in part: "...the Administrator of General Services is hereby authorized to enter into a lease to ownership agreement, pursuant to a competitive selection process, for the lease purchase of such buildings as required to provide not to exceed 1,400,000 occupiable square feet and necessary parking for the Environmental Protection Agency, on a site in the District of Columbia."

Two sites near the Navy Yard being discussed by Congress, EPA and GSA are: one overlooking the Anacostia River, and one at the new Navy Yard METRO station.

Discussions in recent months with the House Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Grounds have included F. Henry Habicht II, Deputy Administrator, EPA; Richard G. Austin, Acting Administrator GSA; Paul Chistolini, Deputy Regional Administrator, National Capital Region, GSA; and David L. Bibb, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Facility Planning, Public Building Service, GSA, according to the Congressional Record.

As reported in **The Southwester** last March, the new building would consolidate EPA offices with 6,000 employees at Waterside Mall, and 1,000 employees at Crystal Mall in Arlington and 499 South Capitol St. S.W.

EPA's rent totalled \$12,000,000 a year at the three locations and is expected to rise to \$25 to \$30 million a year at prevailing market rates.

The Congressional Budget Office had estimated that if work began on a new building near the end of 1990 and took three to five years it would cost \$210,000,000.

The U.S. Government would own the building at the end of 30 years. Lease purchase is being used for federal buildings to spread out the impact on the annual budget deficit.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE S.W./S.E. ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION (ANC 2-D) IS THE SECOND MONDAY OF THE MONTH - JAN. 8 AT 7:30 PM AT A LOCATION IN S.E. NEAR THE NAVY YARD. (Phone the office 554-1795 for the location).



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Federal agencies located in Southwest D.C. are already 10% above last year's totals:

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HUD \$285,262 up 1.6%

EPA \$450,485 up 12.1%

HHS \$1,708,235 up 12.3%

NASA \$215,481 up 13.9%

Coast Guard \$266,711 up 11.8%

FEMA \$82,285 up 11.2%

The Navy Yard, Marine Barracks and Ft. McNair are included in the Defense Dept. figures which show \$8,168,000 up 8.5%. The U.S. Navy is showing \$2,915,789 up 11.1%.

A few agencies are still in the middle of their campaigns and are expected to bring the totals up. The Dept. of Education, for example, is approaching last year's total with \$166,230.

The CFC, chaired this year by Secretary of Veterans' Affairs Edward J. Derwinski, should pass the \$28 million mark.



Schools Collect Safeway, Giant Sales Slips

If you shop at Safeway or Giant, local schools are hoping you'll save your sales slips for the next few months to help them win computers and software.

Giant will give Apple computers and Safeway will give IBMs for each stack of slips totaling so many thousands of dollars of sales.

Apartment houses are urged to set out boxes where sales receipts can be deposited for later distribution among the schools.

Those wishing to mail slips directly to nearby schools may use these mailing addresses (listed in reverse alphabetical order, for a change):

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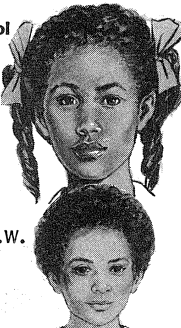
Bowen Elementary School
Delaware Ave. and M St. S.W.

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Amidon Elementary School
4th and I (Eye) St. S.W.

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The high school which Southwest students have priority to attend is **Wilson High School**, Nebraska Ave. and Chesapeake St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008



Local PTAs Plead For School Funds

PTA members from Near SW/SE public schools have been phoning Board of Education members and other elected officials to urge a big increase in the District budget for public schools.

Parents United For D.C. Public Schools is getting support for a \$600 million "Model Budget" for the schools for 1990, a 20% increase over the "base budget" for 1990. Parents United bases its estimates on the Federal City Council study released last June by the D.C. Committee on Public Education, and on "surveys" and "testimony at public hearings."

Some of the categories recommended for increases are:

Teacher career ladder, etc. \$18 million

Building repairs \$15 to \$20 million

School supplies, texts \$4 million

Early childhood education \$4 million

Athletics & extra-curricular \$3.5 to 5 million

Intensive summer program \$4.5 million

Computers & technology \$7 to \$10 million

Nurses & Athletic trainers \$1.5 million

Bilingual education \$3 to \$5 million

Elementary art & music \$1.5 to \$2 million

Guidance counselors \$1.5 to \$1.8 million

Security at schools \$1.5 million

Inflation would account for another \$20 million.

SALE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS

The COPE study urged that the school system be allowed to sell surplus buildings to pay for \$50 million of the \$150 million backlog in necessary repairs.

Councilmember Hilda Mason held a hearing Dec. 18, 1989 on Bill 8-416 to allow the school system to sell buildings and use the proceeds for repairs.

The Board of Education reported to Congress on the condition of the school buildings in D.C. Twenty school buildings are in good condition, 53 are fair, and 117 are poor or very poor. Nearby school buildings in SW/SE are all in need of repair and are rated:

Amidon Elementary - Fair

Rowen Elementary - Poor

Jefferson Jr. - Fair

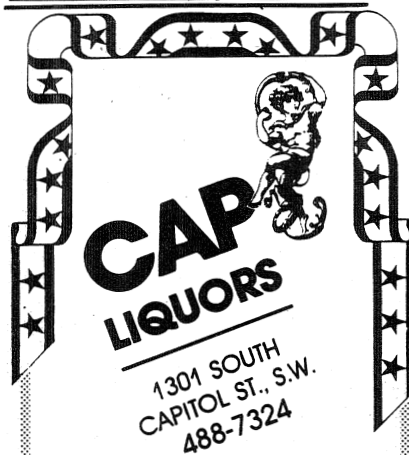
Syphax Elementary - Poor

Van Ness Elementary - Poor

The COPE report also recommended "consolidating" a few schools. Nearby schools in S.W./S.E. Ward 2 are probably not in danger because of their relatively high enrollment - between 300 and 400 students, compared with 72 at Hardy, 176 at Carver, 150 at Lovejoy, 186 at Slater-Langston.

Many COPE recommendations are already being put in place by the Board of Education. One was to eliminate 100 administrative positions in the central office.





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Christmas Baskets For Needy

The Southwest Community House will again provide Christmas baskets for the needy of the area. 283 families received baskets at Thanksgiving. Priority at Christmas will be given to those who were not able to receive at Thanksgiving. Mrs. Phyllis Martin says checks may be made payable to the Southwest Community House Baskets for the Needy and asks that agencies that do provide baskets notify the House at 554-7863 in order to avoid duplication of services. Checks can be mailed to: Southwest Community House
156 Que St. S.W.
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Mrs. Lillian Theresa Johnson

One of the original members of the Southwest/Southeast Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2 D when it started in the 1970s, Lillian Johnson, died recently.

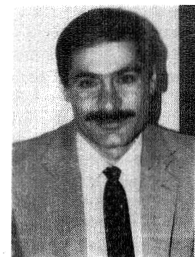
Lillian Johnson was born and educated in D.C., the daughter of the late Clarence Washington, Sr. and Mary Hurd-Washington. She was one of 10 children.

She and her husband Leon Sylvester Johnson, Sr., had nine children. Surviving her are her two sons, Leon S. Johnson, Jr. and Russell Howard Johnson; six daughters, Jennifer R. Hill, Lillian D. Johnson, Deborah T. Johnson, Barbara Johnson Campbell, Angela E. Burney and Eileen P. Johnson; three sisters, Louise Deville, Viola Johnson and Gertrude (Virgie) Miles; 22 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren.

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The Southwest kitchen cooking daily meals for homebound AIDS patients is seeking volunteer drivers and kitchen workers to prepare and deliver Christmas dinner to 30 clients in D.C. - six who live in Southwest. A synagogue has promised 12 volunteers, but more are needed.

On Thanksgiving Day 15 delivery persons and 12 people helping the chef delivered turkey dinners to the persons with aids plus enough extra that two family members or friends could join them on this special day. The trimmings included cranberry sauce, potatoes, cheese & crackers, nuts, and a whole pie.

Food & Friends, a Combined Federal Campaign agency, operating from the kitchen at Westminster Church, 400 I St. S.W., continues to receive requests to serve additional patients - expecting to serve 50 people a day soon. Most of the clients are in their thirties, but they range from 22 months to 55 years. The racial breakdown is 45% black, 4% Hispanic, 51% white.

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Carmen Turner Due At S.W. Black History Program

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Mrs. Turner attended Dunbar High and earned degrees from Howard University and American University.

As general manager of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority since 1983, Mrs. Turner, a professional transit administrator with 30 years experience, has guided the D.C. area METRO-rail system's growth from 47 stations to 64 stations. She received the American Public Transit Association "Transit Manager of the Year" award for 1989 and Washington Magazine's "Washingtonian of the Year" award in 1987. She is member of the Rotary Club of Washington, the board of Trustees of WETA TV-26, and St. George's Episcopal Church.

The annual SW black history program is co-sponsored by the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Southwest Library, Southeastern University, Jefferson Jr. High, and Amidon, Bowen and Syphax Elementary Schools. The 1990 theme is "The Father of Black History - Carter G. Woodson, A Living Legacy."

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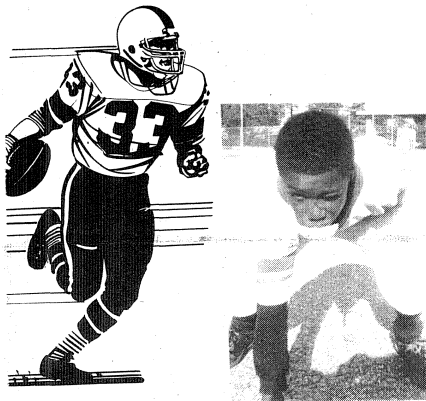
SPORTS

CLUB #4

Winning Teams, But No Home Games

After 12 weeks of football, Club #4 still had played no home games because fields in Southwest were not available to them. As a result the 12th annual Homecoming parade through Southwest leading up to the usual four Homecoming football games, crowning the King and Queen and the post game parent/player dinner were not held. Games that day were held on fields away from Southwest.

Still the four teams dominated the league, placing all four teams in the playoffs, two in the championship, with one - the 105 lb. team - winning the city championship.



Carlos Johnson

105 LB. Team Wins City Championship; Others In Finals

The 105 lb. football team survived cold weather, snow and a host of playoff game injuries to win the city championship 7 - 0. With 3:20 remaining in the game, Terrence Rivers bounced a broken play outside to score the only touchdown on a 33 yard run.

The team finished the season 9 - 0 and won the first city championship of coach Anthony Parry.

The 75 Lb. football team lost the city championship game 12 - 0 but showed great character in upsetting Club #6 in the division playoff game on an 88 yard run by Carlos Johnson, behind the great blocking of Charles Booker and Tracy Fauntroy.

This team finished the season 8 - 2 and shadowed rushing and passing records set by Resial BayBay Shannon and many other great Club #4 stars of years past.

The 90 lb. football team lost in the playoff but displayed a furious defense by limiting opposing offense to 60 yards total. This team was hurt by 3 ties that included the team that won the championship. They finished the season 3 - 1 - 3 behind Jelani Johnson and Preston Thomas.

The 125 lb football team won their division but was upset 1 - 0 in overtime on the penetration rule.

This great team scored three times, but all three were nullified by "touch-eee" penalties. This team finished the season 7-0-2.

Greenleaf Jets In Jabbo Kenner Finals

The Greenleaf Jets went down in defeat to Woodridge Warriors, 14-0. The loss did not dampen the outstanding season of the Jets, who finished with a 7 win and 3 loss record. This marked only the second season for the Jets to participate in the highly regarded Jabbo Kenner Football League.

"This year's team played with pride and composure all season long and has nothing to be subdued about because they did make it to the league championship," said Jets head coach Wendell Stringfellow.

The Jabbo Kenner Football League offers more than just the opportunity play organization football to over 1,000 youth in the Washington area. Kids in the league must remain in good academic standards in school while playing football, must attend homework tutorial sessions twice a week and can practice for only two hours three times a week. The teams must also participate in the leagues' weekly "Say No To Drugs" workshops.

Some outstanding performances for the OSAY Jets were: Quarterback Alphonso (Lil Man) Britten (57 completions, 452 yards, 10 TDs; Wide receiver Jerron Chaney (20 receptions, 159 yards, 4 TDs; Running back Roderrio Wells (68 carries, 675 yards, 3 TDs); Defensive back Jerome Chaney, 10 interceptions, 98 tackles.

Club 4 Opens Basketball Practice

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Felicia Williams Cautions Youth

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Here is part of her poem entitled

A Bit Of Advice

To all my peers and fellow youth
This is no lie, it is the truth.

Life as we live it today
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Jefferson Jr. High

Student Government Elected



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Student government members chat with address the student body prior to the elction Councilmember John Wilson before they

Jefferson Starts Daytime Conferences With Parents



A teacher explains the status of a Jefferson student to a parent.

The First Advisory Parent Conferences at Jefferson Jr. were held from 8:30 am to 10:30 am. The faculty and staff decided to experiment with daytime conferences with the parents of students in an effort to get parents more involved with the academic welfare of the students.

According to Richard Bachman, the assistant principal, the idea was indeed a good one. "The comments of the parents were quite favorable mainly because all the teachers are in one area in the building." The decision was due in part to the school's consideration of the convenience to the parent.



A student experiences the power of the vote on an official voting booth



Grandparents Day

An additional effort to get family involved with the student was the "Grandparent's Day Luncheon" during

American Education Week at Jefferson. The luncheon was also a success. The theme for the occasion was "Learning and Liberty: Our Past, Our Future".



John Greer, first black NFL referee, speaks at the all male assembly and to the Young Men of Troy.



The jazz band performs for the all male assembly recognizing the Distinguished Young Men of Troy.

(Jefferson Jr.'s athletic teams are known as Trojans. "Trojans" was the name for the people of the ancient city of Troy.

"Men Of Troy" Honored

The men of Troy, a large group of standout Jefferson Jr. High male students, were honored at a recent assembly in the school's auditorium. The guest speaker was Mr. Johnny Greer, the lone black official of the N.F.L. Greer spoke to the all male audience about the dangers and temptations that today's black youth, particularly male, are faced with. The audience was entertained by the Jefferson Jazz ensemble. The men of Troy consist of young men who have exemplified good conduct and behavior in and out of the classroom.

"The Piano Lesson" At Kennedy Center

Review by Charlotte Brooks

August Wilson is, according to a growing number of critics, the most talented living American playwright. A Pulitzer prize winner (1987) for *Fences*, he wrote the blues and jazz filled *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom* and the mysterious Joe Turner's *Come and Gone*. And now, it is *The Piano Lesson* recently at the Kennedy Center's Eisenhower Theater moves his series of plays about black Americans into the 1930s, to Pittsburgh — a city to which a group of rural Mississippians has migrated.

This beautifully written play strikes just the right notes as we see how struggling folks, less than one hundred years from slavery and even closer to sharecropping, manage to move from the deep south and to survive in a northern city. The language of the play is rich in Southern idiom, and the story line advances themes of African influenced music, religion, family life and ancestor veneration.

The carefully carved piano is central to the play and on the set. It has a life of its own as it plays or is played. And a strange flickering light from the top of the stairs fleetingly illuminates its arched surface from time to time.

The setting is the Pittsburgh home of Doaker (Carl Gordon), a railroad worker. His niece, Berniece (S. Epatha Merkerson) lives with him. Widowed, she is raising a little daughter, Maretha (April R. Oster). The play opens vigorously with the unexpected appearance of Berniece's mother, Boy Willie (Charles Dutton), who has driven up from Mississippi with a load of watermelons and a friend, Lymon (Rocky Carroll). There is something sceptically humorous about Boy Willie in that initial scene. Large, loud and illikative, he lacks the graceful manners his sister prefers. Berniece, who is achieving gentility, wants her brother to leave. We learn as the play develops that his sister has deeper reasons than his crudity for wanting him gone. He wants to sell the piano they own jointly, and for strong, ancestral reasons she is bitterly determined to keep it.

A fellow Mississippian, now a preacher, very (Tommy Hollis) wants to marry Berniece, but she develops a fondness for the flighty Lymon despite her own steel and religious aspirations. Another

"home boy", Wining Boy

(Danny Robinson-Clark), musician and rambler, joins the group, plays the piano and sings, drinks mightily, runs his little con games and enhances the "we're all from the same place so we're family" atmosphere typical of black migration from south to north. Both Boy Willie and Lymon bring Grace (Lisa Gay Hamilton) into the scene for brief, sexy moments.

The acting is splendid — especially the robust, crude presence of Dutton as Boy Willie. Frustrated in his deep desire to purchase and farm his own land, Boy Willie is a semi-tragic figure reminiscent of a Lear or Othello as he shouts his needs and yearnings and willingness to do a terrible thing — sell the piano — to achieve what he wants. Carl Gordon's Doaker is a strong, fatherly figure, supportive of Berniece yet understanding her brother's unmet needs. Lymon — in that ghastly green suit he's conned into by Wining Boy — seems the typical country dolt, seeking wine, women and song; then a little "almost love" scene with Berniece reveals an emerging semi-sophisticate. Carroll handles the dramatic irony of his role well.

There is some shifting away from the major piano theme, but this only highlights the African American culture of blues, work songs, oral history, and expressive body movement. Doaker irons and sings, the men sing and accompany the song with foot stamping and drumlike table beating. There is talk of ghosts and well drownings and lynchings. As the play progresses earlier mysterious references are clarified, and by the explosive end nearly all is clear.

The end. Ah, there's the rub. The ending is not so clear; it needs a bit more work. The audience has been carefully led to a very dramatic moment. The piano plays its role. Boy Willie and Berniece, together, battle an unseen antagonist; an eerie light glows on the stairs. Ancestors are evoked. Then, what really happens? The audience is enthusiastic, but a bit puzzled. The playwright, director and actors can serve their excellent play well by working for a stronger, clearer ending.

My own people, and many friends, came from Mississippi before and during the era portrayed. The play is authentic in its depiction of a significant segment — not all — of the black newcomers from the deep south.

Youth/Seniors Program Sponsored By OSAY

Greenleaf OSAY plans to start a Mentors program at the newly renovated senior citizens building at 1200 Delaware Ave. S.W.

A comprehensive plan has been drawn up that will include a one-on-one youth to senior service program. OSAY has set aside thirty slots of after-school jobs for Southwest youth between the age of 14 and 21 years. The jobs are for four hours a day and will pay each youth \$3.50 an hour.

There will be four senior youth supervisors in charge of daily operations.

Each youth will be assigned such services as running store errands, assisting to downstairs medical facilities, assisting with recreational activities and delivery assignments.

The mentor program will be coordinated with the Greenleaf Senior Building manager Mr. Lomax.

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The area under the freeway is being used for construction storage for renovation of the Southwest Freeway (I-395).

The ANC is also asking the D.C. Transportation Dept. to mitigate noise and pollution while the widening and redecking of the freeway is going on.

Seven/Eleven Beer License Opposed

A petition is being circulated to urge the D.C. Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) Board to refuse a request for an off-sale beer/wine license at the 7/11 grocery store at M. St. and So. Capitol S.W.

The SW/SE ANC 2D, too, has urged the ABC Board to deny the license because of the church, schools, and "a sufficient number of liquor outlets in the immediate area" - one around the corner, and two just 2 blocks away.

The ANC also points out that Southland Corporation which operates the store (it is not a franchise to a local businessman) is unfit because of it is guilty of price-fixing in Florida, guilty of income tax fraud in New York, and "because of the racist way they have mistreated minority store-owners."



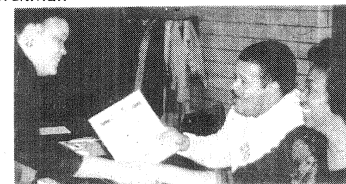
At the seminar were: (Left to right) Elaine Gaither, Amidon PTA president; Evelyn Brewster, Washington Parents Group Fund; Thelma Jones; Ted Wood, Pres., Critical Success Factors, Inc.; Joy Majied, exec. dir., WPGF, Amidon Principal Pauline S. Hamlette



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The SW/SE ANC 2D has asked the District government to permit U Turns at two intersections on M St. S.W. An extra drive of several blocks is necessary to get on Carrolsburg Place S.W. and on Howison St. S.W. when heading west on M St. S.W.



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Volunteers Motivated

Approximately 30 civic leaders representing schools, civic organizations, churches, tenant associations and other nonprofit organizations attended the seminar on "Motivating Volunteers," held at Amidon School recently.

The seminar was conducted by Theodore C. Wood, President, Critical Success Factors, a Washington, D.C./Baltimore based communications training and consulting firm. The seminar was sponsored by the Amidon PTA and the Washington Parent Group Fund.

Prior to the beginning of the seminar, Amidon Principal Pauline S. Hamlette, Amidon PTA President Elaine Gaither, and Washington Parent Group Fund executive director Joy Majied spoke. Participants included Derek J. Bolding (Channel Square Apartments/Boys Scouts of America), Barbara Brown (Gibbs Elementary PTA), Evelyn Brewster (WPGF), Carol Early (Food & Friends), Margaret Feldman (SW Neighborhood Assembly), Annette Hickman (US Army MDW-Recreation Division), Gloria Hinton (Blow Elementary), JoAnn Horne, Harman Ranson, Charlene Bronner-Thomas, Josephine T. Saunders (Amidon PTA), Barbara Hurlbutt and Delmar Weathers (SWNA Youth Activities Task Force, Marjorie A. Kinard (Hine Jr. High PTA), Rick Leggett (SWNA Scholarship Fund), Kenneth Moon (SWNA/Tel-Court), Denise Brandon, Mary B. Hayden (Tel-Court), Rev. Kathryn Moore, Phoebe Layton and Geraldine Whitley (Christ United Methodist Church, Madeline Nawar (Red Cross), and Atkins W. Warren (SWNA Crime and Drug Task Force).

The seminar was coordinated by Thelma Jones, Fundraising Chairperson, Amidon PTA.

Amidon Celebrates American Education Week

By Thelma Jones
Amidon School celebrated American Education Week through a myriad of narrative, musical, dramatic, and poetic presentations by the Library's Tale Tellers, club which helps student express themselves on stage from their readings. The theme of American Education Week was "Learning and Liberty: Our Roots, Our Future."

Tale Tellers President Jamila Thomas (Grade 6) presided over the program and delivered an essay on "What Education Means to Me." She noted that her career ambition was to become a pediatrician and perhaps one day discover a cure for childhood disease.

Marc Williams (Grade 5) stated the purpose of American Education Week, noting that it is celebrated annually in November for the purpose of building public support for American schools and to acknowledge the vital contributions of schools in creating an educated citizenry.

Recognition to International Literacy Year and National Children's Book Week as given by Emily Bockh (Grade 4) and Racie Ransom (Grade 5).

One of the highlights of the program included Amidon's own Granny Annie S. Ferguson, Language Arts Teacher,

Grade 5/6) who told an interesting and humorous story about two friends and their relationships. The moral of the story was "the best way to get something done is to do it yourself."

Displaying early signs of a playwright, Kara Abney (Grade 6) wrote a short dramatization entitled "Garden of Life." The play, which was performed by Tale Tellers, encouraged students to stay in school, study hard, and avoid drugs. A bouquet of flowers was presented to Kara by Traci Curry (Grade 6) for her efforts.

Another highlight of the program was the stunning duet rendition of the Watsons Singers singing "More Than Wonderful."

Other performing members of the Tale Tellers included Lauren Andrews, Traci Francis, Danilo Jayson, Jina Johnson, Jamal Jones, Latasha Lewis, Lesley Long, Hedrick Mitchell, Tia Roberts, Jhanvi Shah, Tiffany Taliaferro and Nanita Wilson. The American Education Week activities at Amidon were coordinated by Ms. Marilyn Moser, Director of the Tale Tellers and Librarian Media Specialist, a 25 year resident of Southwest, working at Amidon the entire period.

DURHAM COLLEGE ALUMNI HELP SW YOUTH

Help has been promised for the SWNA Youth Activities Task Force job classes in 1990. The D.C. alumni of Durham College have offered to help youth complete various forms and participate in group and role playing exercises. Some alumni will speak at the Saturday morning sessions, while others will serve as mentors.

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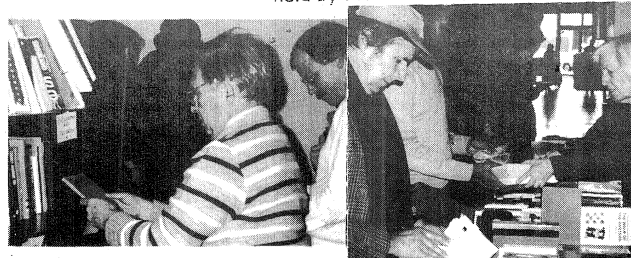
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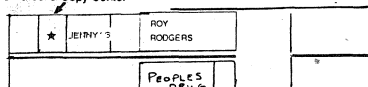
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Christmas Services Westminster Presbyterian

Westminster Presbyterian Church at 400 I (Eye) St. S.W. has scheduled its regular Christmas Eve. Candlelight Carol service at 7:30 pm Sunday, Dec. 24, in addition to the Advent worship service at 11 am that day. All are welcome.

Children of the church were an active part of singing the Christmas story at services Dec. 17.

S.W. Students Observe American Education Sunday

Students from Southwest schools observed Monday of American Education Week at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Amidon's Jamila Thomas (Grade 6) delivered a speech on "What Education Means to Me." Jefferson Jr. High students among Williams (Grade 7), Yolanda Coleman (Grade 8), and Crystal Adair (Grade 9) spoke on the theme for the week. Westminster youth Jermel Wardlaw (Grade 10) read a poem on "Please Hear What I'm Not Saying," and recounted her experience at the Presbyterian teenage retreat at Purdue (Indiana).

Jefferson chorus and wind ensemble, under the direction of Sylvia L. Turner and Geraldine S. Jackson, respectively, performed several selections. Learning Tree's Joshua Hayden (Grade 3) recited "Quote from Martin Luther King, Jr.," and Amber Drummond recited a poem titled "I Dream a World" by Langston Hughes.

Randall Day Care Center children (ages 3-4) sang along with the tunes of "Guide Us" and "The World Is a Rainbow." They also performed creative movements in sign language to the tune of "Tomorrow." Accompanying the students were Vera White, principal, JJHS; Pauline S. Hamlette, principal, Amidon Elementary School; Ann Washington-Williams, director, The Learning Tree; and Linda Chavers-Kukla, director, Randall Day Care Center. Thelma Jones contributed to this story.

The Southwester has received the following schedules of Christmas week services.

St. Matthews Lutheran

The beautiful Christmas Eve candlelight and carol service at St. Matthews Lutheran Church, M and 3rd St. S.W. will be held at 10 pm Sunday, Dec. 24.

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Christ United Methodist

Christ United Methodist Church at 900 4th St. S.W. has planned a candle lighting Christmas Eve service at 10 am Sunday, Dec. 24, in place of the usual 9 am and 11 am Sunday services.

Watch Night Prayer Service will be at 10 am Sun. Dec. 31, in place of the regular 9 am and 11 am services.

A Christmas Concert by the choir was held during the 11 am worship service Sunday, Dec. 17. Christmas caroling was on Dec. 15.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday

One of the many programs honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in advance of the national holiday in his honor Monday, Jan. 15, 1990, is a "Choral Tribute" in the Kennedy Center Concert Hall Mon. Jan. 8 at 8 pm. Choirs performing include: Choral Arts Society of Washington Howard University Choir St. Augustine Gospel Choir James Madison Madrigals.

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An Arena Stage Christmas Gift - The Man Who Came To Dinner



"The Professor" shows his cockroach colony in **The Man Who Came To Dinner**. Left to right: Clayton LeBouef as John, Richard Bauer as Sheridan Whiteside, Jeffery V. Thompson as The Professor, Pamela Nyberg as Maggie Cutler and Tom Hewitt as Bert Jefferson.

at the Arena through Dec. 31.

Reviewed by Charlotte Brooks

Set at Christmas and defined by a marvelous holiday stage with plenty of gifts and a traditional nuclear family, **The Man Who Came to Dinner** by Moss Hart and George F. Kaufman is not what it seems. We learn almost immediately that a totally self-centered man, hurt in a visit to a small town home, must stay in the home and will dominate all in his way. The gift are for him, the tree is his, and the family must do as he dictates.

This play is just right for people who like me, remember Alexander Woolcott and Monty Woolley. In that first 193 production, Monty played Sheridan Whiteside who, everybody know, was Woolcott the book reviewer, radio personality, wit and ringleader of the Algonquin Round Table. We picked up the references to Herbert Hoover, and other people. We recognize the music, and the clothing was familiar.

But —TMWCTD is a play for all times and people who were not around in the 1930s enjoyed and respond to the humor, the madly antic situations and the universal themes of egocentricity, greed and love.

The acting is excellent. Richard Bauer is Whiteside/Woolcott as he masterfully maneuvers his wheelchair about the stage and as he maneuvers people around almost as successfully. He throws things around literally, and — figuratively — knives friends and enemies with a sharp and seldom siles tongue. But he has bouts of kindness, too, and Bauer carefully uncovers his complex personality.

Other characters are sharply drawn especially Pamela Nyberg's Maggie at Halo Wines' Miss Preen. Margo Hall's Sari is nervously funny and her role is rather portentously complemented by Clayton LeBouef's John.

Stanley Anderson's Banjo (obviously Har Marx) is wild, zany and captivating. Dorth Hammond as Harriet Stanley is as mis and mysterious as a Dickens lady, and the

whole Stanley family is as nuttily etched as a **New Yorker** cartoon. When Jeffery V. Thompson — the Professor — rolls stage with his cockroach colony he is beef magnificent.

Credit must be given to fine direction here, and to the set, lighting and property people. Everything moves rapidly but smoothly, and we frown, chuckle, and respond on cue because all has been carefully planned by the professionals who work on the audience as fasterfully as "Sheri" works on the people he wants to control.

George F. Kaufman — whose hundred birthday Arena Stage celebrates this year — feared that his writing would be ephemeral, would not last. He was wrong. The people he wrote about existed, exist and will continue to exist. And his play — certainly this one — will have life as long as they are produced with behind the scenes skill, with actors who portray the characters knowingly, and for audiences who respond warmly and intelligently.

The Man Who Came To Dinner lives at the Arena Stage.

Greenleaf OSAY Christmas Agenda

On December 16 Greenleaf OSAY took twenty youth from the Southwest community to the "Youth Christmas Party" sponsored by the Government Printing Office staff. The youth enjoyed entertainment, dinner, a gift and a Christmas stocking.

Two families were selected by OSAY to receive food baskets and clothes from the D.C. Armory Board's "Christmas Family Giveaway."

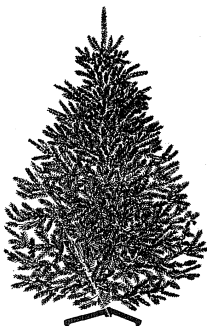
Other community organizations joined in determining the needy families.

A touch of Santa Clause for fifty community youth was provided by OSAY as part of the U.S. Marine Corps Toys For Tots program.



S.W. Youth At "Jackie Robinson Story"

The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA) sponsored twenty-one tickets to Greenleaf OSAY so that youth could see the highly regarded cultural play called "The Jackie Robinson Story." The eighteen youth and three adults viewed the play with tense admiration. The staff at the Kennedy Center gave each child a book on the legendary baseball star.



OSAY Issues Christmas Baskets

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WAFF Asks Area Residents To Help

Area residents are being asked once again to help those who are down on their luck this winter by supporting the Washington Area Fuel Fund (WAFF). Every dime donated to WAFF goes directly to pay the heating bills of needy recipients whether they heat with gas, electricity, oil, wood or another heating fuel.

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